

Global Compliance Research Project

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The reason given in December 2016 by most non-nuclear North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries for not adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was that the nuclear weapons of the United States of America were essential for all of their security. Ursula Franklin, a physicist, pacifist and educator, has stated, “We must reappropriate the word ‘security’ and not allow it to be distorted by the military”, and recalled the 1982 report of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, written by Olof Palme, entitled “Common security: a programme for disarmament”.

The Global Compliance Research Project has been working on an educational programme which includes: (a) redefining “security” as common security; (b) identifying threats to common security; (c) placing the Sustainable Development Goals within the context of international precedents; (d) delineating some United Nations systemic constraints, which could be overcome; and (e) making a modest proposal for a universal declaration of common security.

The full submission by the Global Compliance Research Project is also available at the following: <https://www.un.org/disarmament/education/report/2018report.html>